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Soitec Opens Solar Manufacturing Facility in San Diego Creating 450 Full Time Jobs

San Diego Calif. — Director of the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) Kish Rajan today announced the grand opening of Soitec's North American solar manufacturing facility in San Diego. Less than one year after the facility was acquired by Soitec, the factory is equipped with a state-of-the-art automated production line that will employ 450 people at full capacity.

"This project demonstrates the long term commitment of our state and local partners to ensure Soitec opened their first U.S. manufacturing facility in California," said Director Rajan. "Not only will Soitec employ 450 Californians, they are contributing to the state's goal of increasing our renewable energy portfolio."

GO-Biz staff has worked with Soitec since 2009 to locate the headquarters and manufacturing facility in San Diego. The California Public Utilities Commission this year approved 155 MW of electricity purchase between Soitec and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). The project also received support from the City of San Diego.

Soitec acquired the 176,000-square-foot manufacturing center on 14.8 acres of land in December 2011. This major project for Soitec represents an investment of more than \$150-million. The company has completed an extensive upgrade of the facilities to install fully automated manufacturing equipment and processes.

Soitec received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for power purchase agreements totaling more than 300 MWp in 2011. These projects, which are in various stages of development, will use Soitec's fifth generation of CVP systems. Each 28 kW system will include 12 modules manufactured in San Diego. The factory will ensure high quality, efficiency and durability of the modules, which benefit from a 30% market-leading yield.

About Soitec

Soitec is an international manufacturing company, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting

energy and electronic challenges. Soitec's products include substrates for microelectronics (most notably SOI: Silicon-on-Insulator) and concentrator photovoltaic systems (CPV). The company's core technologies are Smart Cut™, Smart Stacking™ and Concentrix™, as well as expertise in epitaxy. Applications include consumer and mobile electronics, microelectronics-driven IT, telecommunications, automotive electronics, lighting products and large scale solar power plants. Soitec has manufacturing plants and R&D centers in France, Singapore, Germany, and the United States. For more information, visit: www.soitec.com.

About GO-Biz

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information visit: www.business.ca.gov.

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